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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Monday, November 16, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED January 4, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Philip Thompson, Professional Member, **President,** Presiding Fran Franklin, Professional Member, **Secretary** Ralph Robinson, Professional Member Joseph McDonough, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General Shauna Slaughter, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Diane Postell, Professional Member, **Vice President** Lisa Gillespie, Public Member Louise Allen Frazier, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT

Julie Jenks Zorach, Clinical Social Work Society of Delaware

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the October 19, 2009 minutes for approval. Dr. Franklin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sign Order from Formal Hearing Held on October 19, 2009 on Case #31-02-09

The Board affixed their signatures to the Order from the formal hearing held on October 19, 2009 on Case #31-02-09.

Discussion Regarding Revisions to the Statute and Rules & Regulations

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This item was tabled until the January meeting.

Review Previously Tabled Application to Sit for the ASWB Exam - Elijah Askia

The Board reviewed the previously tabled application for Elijah Askia. Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to approve the application to sit for the ASWB exam. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Application to sit for the ASWB exam – Althea Rivera

Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Mr. McDonough, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB exam for Althea Rivera. Motion unanimously carried.

Ratification of Application to sit for the ASWB exam – Patricia Caulk

Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Mr. McDonough, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB exam for Patricia Caulk. Motion unanimously carried.

Ratification of Application for Initial Licensure – Kimberly Williams

Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Mr. McDonough, to ratify the application for initial licensure for Kimberly Williams. Motion unanimously carried.

Ratification of Application for Initial Licensure – Sharon Furrow

Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Mr. McDonough, to ratify the application for initial licensure for Sharon Furrow. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application to sit for the ASWB exam and for ADA Accommodations – Ruth Burton

The Board reviewed the application to sit for the ASWB exam and the request for ADA Accommodations for Ruth Burton. Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to approve the application to sit for the ASWB exam and the request for ADA Accommodations. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Thompson further moved, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to authorize the designated Board member who is reviewing applications to approve ADA accommodations, unless that Board member has questions regarding the ADA request. Motion unanimously carried. The Board will ratify the ADA requests at the meeting following the approval.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for review.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Mr. Thompson provided the Board with an overview of items discussed at the ASWB Annual Meeting. Mr. Thompson advised that the exam fee increase that was previously proposed was approved at the annual meeting. Some of the other topics that were discussed are as follows:

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providing services through electronic mechanisms; DARS reporting statistics; and continuing competence VS. continuing education. Mr. Thompson also advised of the next meeting dates.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Zorach addressed the Board regarding the following items:

In regards to the topic that Mr. Thompson brought up about continuing competence VS. continuing education, she advised that she believes that competence starts with supervision. So she would like for the Board to continue discussing the possibility of adding qualifications that licensees must meet in order to be able to provide supervision.

She would like for the Board to add language to their statute or regulations regarding records retention and reporting requirements for when a licensee passes away or withdraws from practice in the jurisdiction.

She advised the Board that the HB 184 is moving forward in the Senate with no known issues at this time.

She would like for the Board to consider emailing licensees when changes are made to their statute or regulations.

She advised the Board that she and Gail Levinson are available to provide the Board with any assistance that they can.

She also advised the Board that the CSWS-DE will be sponsoring a CE course on December 4, 2009 that will address HIPAA privacy and security requirements.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on January 4, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room B.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McDonough made a motion, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Slaughter, Administrative Specialist II

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